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SPECIAL INSERT:

Corporate Report to the Community.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

THE 21ST ANNUAL National Night Out will be **Tuesday, August 3**. Last year, more than 12,000 residents from 316 neighborhoods joined forces to prevent crime. Registration materials will be sent to

block captains. For more information, call 952-563-8808.

LIFE IS LIKE A VALUED PATCHWORK

HUMAN SERVICES OFFERS LEARNING programs the fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South. Cost is \$3 and includes a continental breakfast. To register, call 952-563-4957 V/TTY. For transportation, call 952-563-4948.

ADVANCE FUNERAL PLANNING

On June 23 Werness Brothers staff will discuss gathering and organizing documents for funeral, cremation, cemetery or memorialization arrangements.

BOOK 'EM

USED BOOKS ARE ON THE MOST WANTED list. Bloomington Crime Prevention Association's **12th Annual Used Book Sale** will be held **June 12 - June 26** at 8301 Grand Avenue South. Proceeds fund crime and violence prevention initiatives. For information or drop-off locations, call 952-884-6210. Books will be collected at drop-off locations and at the sale site during the sale.



GRANDPARENTS/GRAND KIDS DAY CAMP



INTERESTED IN SPENDING some fun, quality time with a grandchild or young friend this summer? Creekside Community Center will host a special program for older adults and children, ages 8 - 12, on

August 23 - 26. For more information, call 952-563-4949; 952-563-4957 V/TTY.



SAFETY FEST AND CREEKSIDE OPEN HOUSE FUN FOR ALL GENERATIONS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL BLOOMINGTON SAFETY Festival on **Saturday, August 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South. Check out the Police K-9 Unit, MADD Crash Car, and the Fire Department's smoke house and fire truck. Visit Creekside's woodshop, boutique, lapidary, pool room and buyer's club. An animal petting zoo and inflatable jumper will also be available for children. Last year approximately 600 people attended the event. For more information, call 952-563-4957 V/TTY.

HOW TO PRESERVE HISTORY COUNCIL SEEKS INPUT ON REUSE OF OLD TOWN HALL

AT THE INTERSECTION OF Old Shakopee Road and Penn Avenue stands a reminder of the city's history. The Old Town Hall was the hub of activity when it was built in 1892. Within its walls are the memories of town meetings, dances, plays and church services that brought a community together.

The reuse of the 112 year-old building is under consideration and the City Council is seeking public input. In January, the City Council selected consultant SMSQ Architects to study alternative uses for the Old Town Hall and its site at 10200 Penn Avenue South. The City Council instructed the consultant to prepare a plan that:

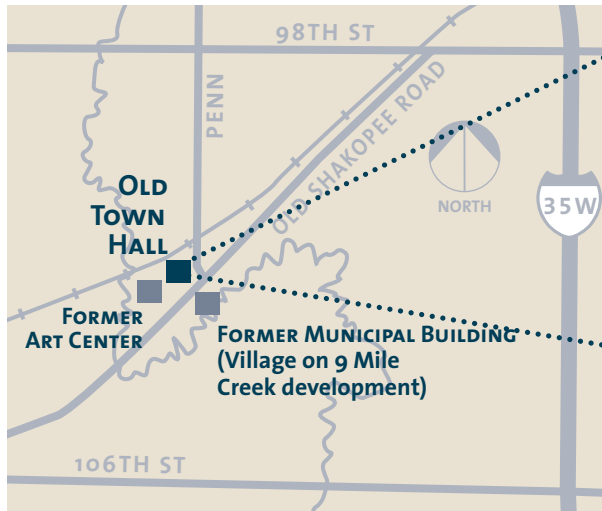
1. Fits well with site constraints and the changing neighborhood.
2. Preserves the Old Town Hall as a reminder of Bloomington's history.
3. Is cost-effective for Bloomington taxpayers.
4. Establishes the building as a citywide landmark and neighborhood-gathering place.

Residents who want to be involved

Contact Alice Ritari at SMSQ by phone: 507-645-4461 or email: ritari@smsq.com to tell her about ideas and hopes for the Town Hall building.

Take a survey on the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Old Town Hall.

SMSQ intends to make their final report to the City Council in July. The report will recommend uses for the site, a specific design for landscaping to enhance the site's appearance, and a budget for the repair and restoration of the Old Town Hall building.



FROM MARKET TO MAGISTRATE – A BUILDING OF MANY USES

The former Art Center, located next door to Old Town Hall, was demolished in April to make the entire site available for a use associated with Old Town Hall. The Art Center building had an interesting history. Constructed in 1948 as a grocery store, it was purchased by the City in 1957 and was occupied for a number of years by Parks and Recreation, the Clerk of Court and the Municipal Judge. The building also served as a City Council chambers, a courtroom, *Bloomington Sun Newspaper* offices and temporary headquarters for Normandale Junior College. In 1975, the building became home to the Bloomington Art Center when the remaining City offices moved across the street into an addition that was built onto the Municipal Building.



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